

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
RECOUNT OF 9TH WARD CITY COMMISSIONER

NOVEMBER 12, 1999

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS MET ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1999, AT 9:00 A.M. FOR THE RECOUNT OF VOTES CAST FOR THE OFFICE OF 9TH WARD CITY OF BAY CITY COMMISSIONER. CANDIDATES WERE ROY E. SCHRAM, INCUMBENT, AND HENRY BOYLE. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT FOR THE RECOUNT PROCEDURE:

WALTER WOZNIAK, JR., CHAIRMAN
DONALD CHEVALIER, VICE CHAIRMAN
DOLORES NIEDZINSKI, BOARD MEMBER
ALVIN APPOLD, BOARD MEMBER
MARY IDA DOAN, TALLY CLERK
DEANN DEBATS, TALLY CLERK
LORAIN ROSECRANS, SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY CLERK
CONNIE M. DEFORD, CITY CLERK
JAN CURRIE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
ROBERT REDMOND FOR CANDIDATE ROY SCHRAM
BOB RICKER FOR CANDIDATE ROY SCHRAM
HENRY BOYLE, CANDIDATE
VIRGINIA HUTTER
SUE SCHRAM

PRECINCT NO. 1

CHAIRMAN WOZNIAK ANNOUNCED THAT THE BALLOT CAN FOR PRECINCT NO. 1 HAD BEEN SEALED WITH SEAL NO. 9186496. THE SEAL WAS BROKEN AND BALLOTS INSPECTED. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO DEFECTIVE BALLOTS OR SPOILED BALLOTS. THERE WERE 136 TOTAL BALLOTS. THIS NUMBER MATCHED THE NUMBER IN THE POLL BOOK. ALL BALLOTS WERE COUNTED WITH NO CHALLENGES. THE CAN WAS RESEALED WITH SEAL NO. 9406054.

PRECINCT NO. 2

THE BALLOT CAN HAD BEEN SEALED WITH SEAL NO. 436621. THE SEAL WAS BROKEN AND BALLOTS INSPECTED. THERE WERE NO DEFECTIVE BALLOTS OR SPOILED BALLOTS. THERE WERE 96 TOTAL BALLOTS, WHICH MATCHED THE NUMBER IN THE POLL BOOK. ALL BALLOTS WERE COUNTED WITH NO CHALLENGES. THE CAN WAS RESEALED WITH SEAL NO. 9406029.

PRECINCT NO. 3

THE BALLOT CAN HAD BEEN SEALED WITH SEAL NO. 577053. THE SEAL WAS BROKEN AND BALLOTS INSPECTED. THERE WERE NO DEFECTIVE BALLOTS OR SPOILED BALLOTS. THERE WERE 140 TOTAL BALLOTS, WHICH MATCHED THE NUMBER IN THE POLL BOOK. IT WAS NOTED THAT IN THE POLL BOOK BALLOT NO. 180 WAS MARKED AS SPOILED, BUT NO NOTE WAS MADE IN THE BACK OF THE POLL BOOK. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE VOTER HAD RECAST THE VOTE WITH ANOTHER BALLOT.

DURING COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS, ONE VOTE WAS CHALLENGED BY CANDIDATE BOYLE FOR THE REASON THAT IT WAS NOT MARKED CORRECTLY IN THE TARGET AREA. THIS BALLOT WAS LABELED AS CHALLENGED BALLOT NO. 1. UPON INSPECTION, THE BALLOT HAD A MARK GOING THROUGH THE TARGET AREA AND THE VOTER'S INTENT SEEMED CLEAR. THE BOARD RULED THAT CHALLENGED BALLOT NO. 1 WAS A VALID BALLOT AND COUNTED AS ONE VOTE FOR CANDIDATE SCHRAM.

THE CAN WAS RESEALED WITH SEAL NO. 9406079.

ABSENTEE VOTERS

THE BALLOT CAN HAD BEEN SEALED WITH SEAL NO. 880730. THE SEAL WAS BROKEN AND BALLOTS INSPECTED. THERE WAS ONE SPOILED BALLOT AND THERE WERE NINE DUPLICATE BALLOTS. THERE WERE 451 TOTAL BALLOTS, BUT THE NUMBER IN THE POLL BOOK WAS 452. IT WAS DECIDED TO SEPARATE THE BALLOTS BY WARD. THE ONLY BALLOTS NEEDED FOR THE RECOUNT WERE THE 9TH WARD. AFTER SEPARATING THE BALLOTS BY WARD, THE TOTAL BALLOTS STILL CAME TO 451. THE 9TH WARD TOTAL WAS 155 BALLOTS, WHICH MATCHED THE POLL BOOK. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED TO CHECK THE MAILING ENVELOPES, LOOKING FOR THE MISSING BALLOT. NO BALLOT WAS FOUND. SINCE THE ELECTION INSPECTOR'S TAPE INDICATED THAT THERE WERE 451 VOTES, IT WAS SUSPECTED THAT SOMEONE RETURNED AN EMPTY MAILING ENVELOPE.

IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT A DUPLICATE BALLOT IS MADE BY THE A-V BOARD WHEN A VOTER MARKS THE BALLOT WITH THE WRONG COLOR INK OR THE BALLOT WAS TORN OR ANOTHER VALID REASON.

THE 155 9TH WARD BALLOTS WERE COUNTED. TWO BALLOTS WERE SET ASIDE FOR REVIEW. ONE BALLOT HAD NO MARK IN THE TARGET AREA. THE MARK WAS ON THE LINE IN THE MIDDLE INSTEAD OF IN THE TARGET AREA. ALTHOUGH THE VOTER'S INTENT WAS CLEAR, THIS WAS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF AN INVALID BALLOT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO MARK IN THE TARGET AREA. THE OTHER BALLOT ALSO HAD NO MARK IN THE TARGET AREA. BOTH BALLOTS WERE RULED

INVALID, BUT THIS DID NOT CHANGE THE TOTAL VOTE COUNT, AS THE MACHINE WOULD NOT HAVE READ A VOTE ON EITHER BALLOT.

THE A-V CAN WAS RESEALED WITH SEAL NO. 9406023.

THE RECOUNT SHOWED THE TOTALS UNCHANGED, 258 FOR BOYLE AND 262 FOR SCHRAM.

RECOUNT CONCLUDED AT 12 NOON.

WALTER WOZNIAK, JR., CHAIRMAN

DONALD CHEVALIER, VICE CHAIRMAN

DOLORES NIEDZINSKI, MEMBER

ALVIN APPOLD, MEMBER

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LINDA L. TOBER
BAY COUNTY CLERK